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SUBJECT: TURKISH-SOVIET GRAIN TRADE

REF: A. FASTO 44 ANKARA (FASTO 172 MOSCOW)
B. MOSCOW 20622
C. ANKARA TOFAS 78

1. ANKARA AND MOSCOW PLEASE NOTE REFS B AND C CONFLICT
REGARDING CONTRACT FOR DELIVERY IN 1979 OF 1 MILLION TONS OF
TURKISH WHEAT TO USSR. PLEASE CONFIRM INFORMATION AND
ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE.

2. BEYOND QUESTIONS NOTED IN REF A AS TO QUANTITIES AND
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SHIPPING SCHEDULES, TWO OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST SHOULD BE
RAISED WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIALS SHOULD AN OPPORTUNITY
ARISE:

A. CAN IT BE CONFIRMED THAT INTENDED DESTINATION IS
USSR, OR COULD SHIPMENTS GO TO OTHER DESTINATIONS ON USSR
ACCOUNT?

B. IS THERE ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHEN THE POSSIBLE
PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR 1979 SUPPLY WAS FINALIZED? OF

PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THIS REGARD IS WHEATHER SOVIETS MADE
SUCH A PURCHASE COMMITMENT BEFORE OR AFTER AWARENESS OF
EXCELLENT PROSPECTS FOR A LARGE 1978 SOVIET GRAIN HARVEST.
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